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Title: Need to operate international flights from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

SHRI HARIN PATHAK (AHMEDABAD EAST): After about two decades of struggle and request from the people of Gujarat, the Government of India had recently made Ahmedabad airport as Sardar Vallabhai Patel International Airport. The Ministry had spent more than Rs. 400 crores on the Sardar Vallabhai Patel International Airport and made it a most modern and also state of the art international airport. But I am sorry to draw your kind attention that despite spending a lot of money now-a-days a decision has been taken that there would not be any direct flight from Ahmedabad to abroad. The flights from Ahmedabad to Newark (New Jersey), Ahmedabad to London, and other some international flights were cancelled to make Delhi and Mumbai the hub for going abroad. So all the passengers of Gujarat have no choice but to go to Delhi or Mumbai to board an international flight. Then there is no use of spending lot of money in making Ahmedabad as international airport, if the Ministry does not want to operate any direct flights from the International airport of Ahmedabad. I, therefore, request the Civil Aviation Ministry that all international flights which were used to operate from Ahmedabad International Airport earlier should be restored and made operational at the earliest.